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Worship Services

Sunday 10:30 am

Bible Class 9am

Contemporary & Sunday School 4:30 pm

Upcoming:

Council Meeting—Sunday 11/5

Family Dinner—Sunday 11/19 after 4:30 service

Thanksgiving Eve Service—11/22 @ 7pm

Advent Decorating— 12/1 & 12/2



Pastor's Message:

It's Halloween week. It makes us think of spooky, scary things. Well as pastor you can imagine what that makes me think of. We are spooky, scary sinners. Much as we like to avoid this thought by sticking our head in a bobbing for apple barrel, we can't shake this bewitching truth. November 1st is All Saints Day, the day we celebrate that all of the ghosts in our closet have been chased away. It is the day that we recognize that our dark, sinister inner-selves have been cleansed by the Holy Spirit. Our sinful selves are sadly alive and well but we are also a new creation, a saint, a child of God, through the gift of redemption earned for us through Christ's death on the cross. Tap into the power of the Holy Spirit to let the saint in you triumph over the sinner in you.

Does it ever feel like the clutter is going to take over? What is your biggest clutter hog? Is it mail, garage sales, electronic toys, stuff that doesn't work, magazines, to do items, cleaning that needs to be done, laundry, the kids things...? Especially for us procrastinators, we are kings and queens at amassing a bigger and bigger pile. We can get overwhelmed. We feel like we are drowning in stuff. If you resemble this picture you know the desperate need for a place of peace, a clutter free zone. Whether it is the one room in the house where no clutter is allowed or the one square on your desk that is free for work or the one time of day without interruptions or the fleeting moments where we attain peace beyond human understanding. Let the Lord sweep your life free of clutter. When you start to learn to put Him first it becomes easier to let go of everything else. Reach your arm up through the junk and let your Savior grab hold of you.

Don't forget another important issue—life. It is not a new topic so it can get lost in the shuffle of other important debates. But it is no less important now than it has been for quite some time. God created human life.

He, therefore, gets to set the rules. And no matter how many times man redefines life, God's truth doesn't change. The Bible should be the foundation for our thinking in every area. The Bible has much to say about God's concern for the defenseless. And the most defenseless of all people are the unborn children. They are speechless to plead their own cause and helpless to protect their own lives. My trust for real change is in the Lord. He changes hearts, and we need a lot more changed hearts to continue to wrestle with setting the right laws. We need a lot more changes hearts so we can get our priorities in their proper place. When you make a stand, stand for life.

King David was a good King, a faithful servant, a child of God. King David was an adulterer, a murderer, a sinner. These two pictures don't seem to fit together very well do they? When David soaked his mind in God, he stood. When he didn't, he flopped. Do you think he spent much time in prayer the evening he seduced Bathsheba? Did he write a psalm the day he murdered Uriah? Doubtful. Lord, help us to run straight to you with our problems. I call out to High God, the God who holds me together. Help us to hold on to your promise. God says, "I will keep in perfect peace all who trust in me, whose thoughts are fixed on me." King David says, "You have been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble." Max Lucado says, "God promises not just peace, but perfect peace." Undiluted, unspotted, unhindered peace. Forget occasional glances. Dismiss random ponderings. Accept God's peace, perfect peace.

Grace and peace to you from Christ our Lord!

Pastor



Be a light to all nations...Isaiah 49:6

With prayers, love and a shoebox we can be God's light for young ones and their families all over the world.

Last year our Grace family packed over 30 shoeboxes that found their way all over the world.

The shoebox is only the beginning. With a simple box lots of children learned about the love of God and welcome Him as their Lord and Savior.

It is that time of year again when we start to think about filling boxes.

Ways YOU can help...

*Pray for the children who will receive the boxes!!!

*Bring stuff to put in a box

*Make stuff to put in the boxes

* Write a letter or note or card to a child who will receive our shoeboxes

*Fill your own box and bring it to church

*Donate money to help buy stuff to fill boxes.

* ** if you want a to help after the shoeboxes have been packed...volunteer at the CAP Center during collection week November 13-20 will be open from 3-5 pm Wednesday & Thursday, 4-6 pm on Tuesday, 3-7 pm on Saturday, 2-4 pm on Sunday.

Thank you for helping bring the gospel of Jesus and the love of God to people around the world one shoebox at a time. If you have any questions or want to get more information please let Jenny Funderburg know.

N is for November! N is for Nazareth!

N is for New! It was said, "Can nothing good come out of Nazareth" (John 1:46)?

Absolutely! The New Born Babe came out of Nazareth & that New Born Babe gives us a new day every day! Each day He completely washes our sins way & each morning His Mercies are new! (Lamentations 3:22 & Psalm 30) May this November open your eyes every day to the newness around you that has been promised & provided by The New Born Babe!

Here's to new beginnings!

Mrs. Z

Preschool Happenings

Hello Grace family,

We are happy to be celebrating everything we have to be thankful for here in preschool! We had a fun trip to Home Farm in October to visit the *pigs* and *pick perfect pumpkins* (during "Pp" week!), and we had a great time at class harvest parties.

This month our theme is "Thanksgiving." We will continue to introduce more letters and numbers to our kiddos, and we continue to work together as a team at school. Kids are working hard on learning how to be kind friends and co-learners, and get lots of practice making choices, having autonomy and responsibility.

We are looking forward to more holiday fun next month, and we are practicing songs and lines for our Christmas program.

I am thankful for YOU, church family, for supporting and praying for us as we move through this school year!

Miss Sandy



Family Dinner

November 19 . 2023

We are celebrating our glc&p family with a Thanksgiving themed meal

come join us

4:30Worship & meal to follow
702 G Street . Blaine . WA



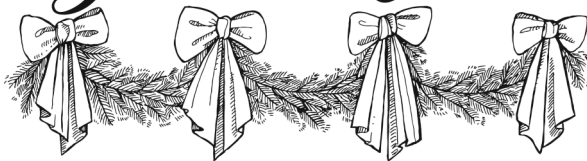
Dedicate a poinsettia...



in honor of a family member, friend or in memory of a dear one. The dedication of these flowers will appear in the December 19th bulletin. Please attach a check for \$9.50 for each plant purchased. You may take a plant home after the Christmas season.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Fall Festival a fun time of fellowship. It was a beautiful afternoon with delicious food, games and fun.

Decorate the Church



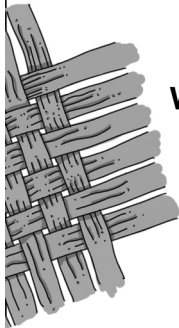
December 1 & 2

Everyone Welcome.
Come at the time that suits you.
There will be a sign-up sheet.

Servants	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 26
ACOLYTES	Caeden	Caeden	Caeden	Caeden
ALTAR COMM.	Carolyn & Ann	Carolyn & Ann	Carolyn & Ann	Carolyn & Ann
SCRIPTURE READERS	Caeden	Gwynne Fowler Briggs	April Mouw	Sandie Miller
PIANIST	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus
ORGANIST	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson
COMM. ASST.	Dick Johnson		Steve Roe	
USHERS	Jon Huffman Jim Higby	Jay Pukaluk	Dan Persse Dick Johnson	Jim Higby



Handicrafts can spark appreciation for simple items. Weave this basket as a gift.



What you need:

- Paper plate
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Yarn (different colors)

What you do:


1. In the center of the plate, trace something round. Draw 9 lines (evenly spaced) from the circle to the plate's edge.
2. Cut along each line, stopping at the center circle. Trim more of the plate off so the cuts make a gradual V shape.
3. Fold the plate's sides upward to form basket sides. Keep these upright as you weave a bowl-shaped basket.
4. Begin weaving a length of yarn at the circle's base. Hold the end of the yarn in place as you spread the length over and under each side of the plate.
5. Switch colors to make a pattern. Keep the yarn tight as you weave up the sides.
6. To finish, bend down any remaining paper. Leave a tail of yarn and tuck it under a woven portion. Share your craft with a friend!

PUZZLE

THANKS-FILLED GIVING

The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected. When we're truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow generous seeds in other people's lives. What will be the harvest?

Directions: Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.

This becomes a plant _____ 




Willing to give _____

The result of planting seeds _____ 



The act of gratitude _____

Food made from wheat _____ 

Now he who supplies _____ to the sower and _____ for food will also



supply and increase your store of _____ and will enlarge the _____



of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be

_____ on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result



in _____ to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV



Answers: seed, bread, harvest, generous, thanksgiving

Thanksgiving humor

Why did the turkey decline dessert?
Because it was stuffed.

Why did the turkey cross the road twice?
To prove he wasn't a chicken.

Why did the turkey leave the band?
People were fighting over the drumsticks.



November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Men's Bible Study 8am
5 Fall Back 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship w. Communion 4:30 Contemp. & S.S. Council Meeting	6 Ladies' Bible Study	7	8	9	10 Veterans Day	11
			Pastor's Meeting			
12 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 4:30 Contemporary & Sunday School	13	14 Newsletter Deadline	15	16	17	18 Men's Bible Study 8am
19 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship w. Communion 4:30 Contemporary & S.S. Family Dinner	20 Ladies' Bible Study	21	22 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7pm	23	24	25
26 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 4:30 Contemporary & S.S.	27	28	29	30		

Birthdays

3 Michelle Johnson	23 Nicole Liebert
12 Bruce Shelton	25 Amy Matta
14 Robbie Markusen	Rachel Hrutfiord
Anna Corrine Huffman	26 Carole Liebert
17 Bjorn Hrutfiord	27 Jean Archer
18 Gordon Shaw	Elaine Hildahl
19 Dan Persse	28 Hazel Rutherford
20 Cooper Terris	29 Emily Huffman
22 Steve Hagen	

Anniversaries

6 Rick & Gladys Faulkner
17 Rick & Cynthia Thompson
25 Kevin & Meredith Mateer
Jay & Michelle Liebert
29 Pastor Aaron & Kelley Zuch

